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**TITLE OF INVENTION:** SELECTIVE PATH SIGNATURES FOR QUERY PROCESSING OVER A HIERARCHICAL TAGGED DATA STRUCTURE

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